

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Francisco Antonio Magior, et al.

International Application No.: PCT/BR02/00006

International Filing Date: January 11, 2002

U.S. Serial No.: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Filed: : February 25, 2002 (Herewith)

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: A WHEEL-DISC WHEEL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicants have attached to this Amendment documents entitled "Amended Claims" and "Marked-Up Copy of Previous Claims". Please amend claim 3 as shown in the document entitled "Marked-Up Copy of Claims". Please add new claim 10 as shown in the document entitled "Amended Claims".

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to remove the multiple dependent claim and to avoid the surcharge.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP

By: 

Dennis C. Rodgers, Reg. No. 32,936
1850 M Street, N.W., Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20036
Telephone: (202) 659-2811
Fax: (202) 263-4329

February 25, 2002

MARKED UP COPY OF CLAIMS

3. A wheel according to claim 1, characterized in that the central region (3') comprises at least one substantially plane region (8), circumferentially arranged and adjacent to the elevation portion (5).

10. (New) A wheel according to claim 2, characterized in that the central region (3') comprises at least one substantially plane region (8), circumferentially arranged and adjacent to the elevation portion (5).

AMENDED CLAIMS



3. A wheel according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the central region (3') comprises at least one substantially plane region (8), circumferentially arranged and adjacent to the elevation portion (5).